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SUBJECT: NEW PERONIST PARTY LEADERSHIP SPUTTERS INTO ACTION

REFS: A. BA 5692 AND BA 5856

1. THE NEW COUNCIL OF THE PERONIST PARTY, IN AN OBVIOUS EFFORT TO ASSERT ITSELF, ISSUED A 12-POINT GUIDE FOR ACTION ON AUG 29. WHILE URGING A RETURN TO CONSENSUS POLITICS, WHICH MOST POLITICAL PARTICIPANTS WILL APPLAUD, THE DOCUMENT TENDS TO BE SOMEWHAT CONFUSED IN ITS OBJECTIVES. FOR EXAMPLE, IT INDICATES THAT THE PERONIST PARTY WILL PLACE GREAT STRESS ON CONSOLIDATING THE FREJULI AND WILL SHORTLY CALL A MEETING OF THE RULING COALITION. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, IT ALSO INDICATED THE DESIRE TO RESUSCITATE THE HORA DEL PUEBLO. YET, IN A SENSE THE TWO THINGS ARE MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE. FRONDIZI'S MID, WHICH IS WITHIN THE FREJULI, IS BITTERLY OPPOSED TO HAVING ANY TRUCK WITH HORA DEL PUEBLO. THE PERONISTS CAN KEEP A FOOT IN BOTH THE FRENTS AND THE HORA, BUT THEY CANNOT PLACE STRESS ON BOTH AT THE SAME TIME.

2. WHILE THE NEW PERONIST PARTY LEADERSHIP WAS CALLING FOR DIALOGUE AMONG AND UNITY OF ALL POLITICAL PARTIES, THE SPLIT WITHIN ITS OWN RANKS CONTINUED TO GROW. IN THE WAKE OF THE AUG 23 CONGRESS (SEE REF A), A NUMBER
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OF THOSE ANTIVERTICALISTAS WHO HAD WALKED OUT ORGANIZED

A FORMAL BODY TO OPPOSE THE PRESENT LEADERSHIP OF THE PARTY FROM WITHIN THE PARTY STRUCTURE. THE NEW GROUP IS CALLED THE PERONIST AFFIRMATION AND SEEMS TO BE LED BY SANTA FE DEPUTY AND LABOR LEADER LUIS RUBEO. THIS PROBABLY MARKS THE FIRST TIME IN PARTY HISTORY THAT AN ORGANIC GROUP HAS EXISTED WITHIN THE PARTY ITSELF WITH THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF OPPOSING THE LEADERSHIP.

3. THE QUESTIONABLE MANDATE OF THE NEW PERONIST COUNCIL WAS MADE EVEN MORE QUESTIONABLE AS A RESULT OF LAST WEEK'S MILITARY CRISIS, DURING WHICH LORENZO MIGUEL'S POSITION WAS SERIOUSLY WEAKENED (SEE REF B). SINCE MOST OF THE LABOR MEMBERS ON THE COUNCIL WERE SUPPORTERS OF LORENZO MIGUEL, HIS OWN POLITICAL TROUBLES LEAVE THEM HANGING IN AIR.
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